



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Minutes of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

9:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. Colleen Smith [18-4851](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 6/27/2018

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to recommend for approval 18-4851. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

[18-4549](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Jay E. Stewart

Position: Bureau Chief

Department/Board/Commission: Economic Development

Effective date: 6/25/2018

Expiration date: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 18-4549. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin,
Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

[18-4548](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): F. Thomas Lynch

Position: Chief Information Officer

Department/Board/Commission: Enterprise Technology

Effective date: 6/25/2018

Expiration date: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 18-4548. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin,
Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

[18-4528](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REDUCTION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS IN WISCONSIN FOR THE PROPOSED FOXCONN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Foxconn Technology Group (“Foxconn”) is a manufacturer of computer, communication and electronics; and

WHEREAS, Foxconn is constructing a fabrication plant in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin to manufacture LCD glass panels. Mount Pleasant is in Racine County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plant is sited at the headwaters of the Des Plaines River and is located approximately 50 miles from the border of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County shares the Des Plaines Watershed Region, and our water and air resources are all interconnected; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has passed legislation that waives environmental regulations for the Foxconn plant;

WHEREAS, the legislation allows Foxconn to fill 26 acres of wetlands with dredged materials without an Environmental Impact Study or input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency exempted Racine County, Wisconsin from air quality requirements for ozone, allowing Foxconn to avoid having to install stringent pollution control equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Foxconn plant will divert approximately 7 million gallons of water from Lake Michigan a day; and

WHEREAS, the greatest natural resource Cook County has is Lake Michigan and the proposed plant will adversely affect that resources; and

WHEREAS, there has been no stormwater management plan for the proposed plant, even though the plant will encompass thousands of acres of farmland; and

WHEREAS, the Des Plaines River has had significant flooding and removing permeable land at the headwaters of the River will likely increase the downstream flood risk; and

WHEREAS, without a proper study of all potential environmental impacts of the plant, it is unknown if there will be adverse effects to the environment and population of Cook County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County call on the State of Wisconsin and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to require the Foxconn Development to comply with all applicable environmental regulations in the construction and operation of its proposed plant at Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County urges the State of Wisconsin and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to uniformly apply and enforce all applicable regulations and laws as written without any exemptions, waivers or variances to ensure negative impacts are not imposed on the residents of downstream Cook County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County supports the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois General Assembly and Illinois agencies in taking whatever actions possible to protect Cook County and the State of Illinois against the loss of water resources, potential flooding, and other ecological impacts from this development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Director of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Attorney General, the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of Region 5 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for approval 18-4528. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin,
Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

[18-3358](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress are currently considering numerous bills that effect the services and operation of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the County's intergovernmental relations staff and hired lobbyists are actively monitoring the legislation that effects Cook County's services and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to be updated on the status of certain bills pending before the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress so that it may take positions and communicate such positions to the legislation bodies on the relevant proposed legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the status of pending legislation in the Illinois General Assembly and the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the intergovernmental relations staff and all hired lobbyists of the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners appear before the Committee and be prepared to update the Committee on legislation pending before the General Assembly and the United States Congress that affects Cook County's services and operations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to recommend for receiving and filing 18-3358. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin,
Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

[16-6437](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 34 Finance, Sec. 41 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 34-41. - Cook County Board of Review Operation and Administrative Fund.

Beginning on or before January 1, 2017, the Board of Review of Cook County shall create a Cook County Board of Review Operation and Administrative Fund, which shall be subject to appropriation by the Board, to be used to offset the costs incurred by the Board of Review in performing the additional duties required to fairly and impartially review the assessments of all property within Cook County. The Treasurer shall allocate any savings incurred from the defense of property tax appeals by the Board of Review to the Illinois State Property Tax Appeals Board to the fund as determined in conjunction with the Commissioners of the Board of Review. The Commissioners of the Board of Review shall be the custodian, ex officio, of this fund and shall use the fund to perform the duties required by the office. Expenditures shall be made from the fund by the Commissioners of the Board of Review for expenses related to the fair and impartial review the assessments of all property within Cook County.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

SUBSTITUTE TO 16-6437

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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A SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT CREATING A COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Sec. 34-41. – Cook County Board of Review Operation and Administrative Fund.

The Cook County Treasurer shall create a Cook County Board of Review Operation and Administrative Fund, which shall be subject to appropriation by the Board, to be used to offset the costs incurred by the Board of Review in performing the additional duties required to fairly and impartially review the assessments of all property within Cook County. The Treasurer shall allocate any revenue incurred from the collection of fees by the Board of Review from bulk users to the fund. The Commissioners of the Board of Review shall be the custodian, ex officio, of this fund and shall use the fund to perform the duties required by the office. Expenditures shall be made from the fund by the Commissioners of the Board of Review for expenses related to the fair and impartial review of the assessments of all property within Cook County.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to accept as substituted 16-6437. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to recommend for deferral 16-6437. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Suffredin, Fritchey, Boykin, Butler, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Arroyo and Moore (2)

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Larry Ruffalo in blue ink.

Chairman

Handwritten signature of Matthew B. DeLeon in blue ink.

Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.